

secret legislation and has set the obligations of an act at defiance.

It has passed laws, obstructing in Tennessee in so far as the any thing in favor of the cause of the United States, and it has passed laws, which we believe will soon be passed by the Legislature of Tennessee.

It has attempted to blockade roads, which we believe, entirely prostrate the freedom of speech.

It has attempted to keep the Southern States in a way which prevents them from having, and which ultimately lead to the ruin of the people.

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Inasmuch, the Convention was a unit, and upon the adoption of the Declaration of Secession, nothing better can be expected of the said and separate legislation; an entire composed and disregard of law; a determined

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The result was, that the Southerners, and all others desirous of hearing were, on hand, and witnessed all that was said.

It will be seen that the Convention resolved

not to go into the Southern Confederacy, and that it appointed Commissioners to memorize the Legislature now in session, to allow East Tennessee to remain where she has voted to remain, under the Stars and Stripes, organizing a separate State. It is now for the Southerners in the Legislature, to say whether we shall secede in peace, or have a disastrous Civil War. East Tennessee is still at the ballot-box, that she will not go into the Southern Confederacy—that she will

not submit to a draft of her citizens, to wage a war wholly sacrificial, and that they shall not pay the unjust and ruinous taxes imposed by the recent corrupt and unconstitutional legislation of the State.

That is in order to avert a conflict with our neighbors, and to secure our civil rights, and that every Constitutional measure will be resorted to, for the preservation of peace, we do, therefore, constitute and appoint O. P. Tammie of Knott, John Newell, Hawkins, of Hawkins and James P. McDowell, of Greene, C. G. Morrison, of Marion, and W. H. May, of Monroe, and each of the same to be

delegated to the General Assembly of Tennessee, now in session, asking its consent that the counties composing East Tennessee, and such other counties in Middle Tennessee, adjust themselves, as far as possible, to the new form of government.

That during in good faith, that the General Assembly will grant this our reasonable request, and still claiming the right to determine our own destiny, we do, in the name of the State, request the General Assembly to make such a resolution, in case of his absence or inability, say one of the Vice Presidents, or, in like case with them, the Secretary of this Convention may designate; and its officers designating for the same, the members of each Committee, who shall be present at the holding of the election hereafter, and give reasonable notice here-

after.

In order to carry out the foregoing resolution, the Sheriff's of the different counties are hereby requested to cause to be so held, in the usual manner and at the usual place of voting, as prescribed by law, and in the event the Sheriff of any county should fail or refuse to open and hold an election, or cause an election to be held, the members of the General Assembly to do so, and should such Coroner fail or refuse, then any constable of such county is hereby authorized to open and hold an election or cause the same to be held. And if in any county, held and overseen, then any Justice of the Peace, or Sheriff in such county is authorized to hold the same or cause it to be done. The officer or other person holding said election shall verify the result to the President of this Convention, and if sufficient, shall direct the same to be held at an early date thereafter as practicable; and the officer to whom said returns may be made, shall open and compare the same and issue certificates to the Delegates elected.

The Convention, the several counties to be represented as follows: The County of Knott shall elect three Delegates, the counties of Washington, Greene, and Jefferson, two delegates each, and the remaining counties shall each elect one Delegates.

Convention adjourned to 7 P.M.

A recess was taken.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Trigg, from the Business Committee reported as follows:

Ordered, That the Business Committee now calling this Convention, be continued in session till the meeting of the Convention, and that the same be adjourned to the first day of October, of this year, should it again be called together.

Ordered further, that all the resolutions now before this Convention, which have not been acted upon, be referred back to the Committee on Business, and placed in the hands of that committee, until they were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Netherland, of Hawkins, offered the following:

Ordered, That the members of the present Legislature of Tennessee, be summoned to meet at the State Capital, on the first Monday in October, and that the Legislature of this Convention be adjourned.

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Mr. Maxwell, of Washington, offered the following:

Ordered, That so far as we know the people of East Tennessee have interpreted no order of ours, to prohibit the carrying of arms through our territory; and while we object, and have ever objected in public and private to any violence in the Railroads, yet the grievances inflicted by some of the troops are not stopped, we were all present, and I think that there is a point at which a population of 300,000 people outraged, and trampled upon, cannot be safe, and ought not to be harassed.

The resolution was adopted without division.

The following paper having been presented to the Convention, was ordered to be spread on the minutes:

The undersigned, delegates from the county of Hawkins to the Convention, did not recollect from the same, protest against the action of the Convention, and ask that this protest be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

John Blayze,

W. C. Hayes,

Mr. Beckett, of Monroe, offered the following:

Ordered, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby tendered to the President and Secretary of this Convention for their services, and for their prompt and efficient discharge of their duty.

On motion of Mr. Cawood of Greene, the resolution was so amended as to include the Committee on Business, and then passed unanimously.

Mr. Maxwell, of Washington, offered the following:

Ordered, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Greeneville and vicinity for the hospitality with which they have entertained the members of the Convention during its session.

On motion of Mr. Cawood of Greene, the resolution was so amended as to include the members of the proceedings of this Convention, together with the proceedings of the session at Knoxville, to be published in pamphlet form, for general distribution.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Monroe, on motion of Mr. Cawood of Greene, the resolution, which was carried out of the President.

THOMAS A. H. BELDORF,

President.

Jesse M. Fawcett, Secretary.

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